

releasably coupled to the barrier package by a subsea matable connector that is located external to the wellhead.

6. A subsea completion as defined in claim 2, wherein the connectors are combined to form a unitary hub connector.

Please amend claims 1, 2 and 7-25 to read as follows:

1(Amended). A subsea completion comprising:

a wellhead which is installed over a well and from which extends a production fluid conduit;

a barrier package for controlling fluid flows to or from the well, the barrier package being removably located externally of the wellhead and containing at least one production flow control valve capable of containing the well pressure in use;

wherein a continuation of the production fluid conduit extending away from the wellhead is releasably coupled to the barrier package by a subsea matable connector;

whereby the barrier package and components supported within the wellhead can be installed and retrieved independently of each other.

2(Amended). A subsea completion as defined in claim 1, wherein an annulus conduit extends from the wellhead and has one end in communication with a tubing annulus and its other end releasably coupled to the barrier package by a subsea matable connector positioned external to the wellhead.

7(Amended). A subsea completion as defined in claim 1, further comprising a tubing hanger containing a flow control valve positioned in a production fluid flow passage connected to a tubing string.

8(Amended). A subsea completion as defined in claim 1, further comprising a flow control valve positioned in the production fluid conduit.

9(Amended). A subsea completion as defined in claim 1, wherein the wellhead comprises a valveless flow spool which is connected to a separate lower wellhead part and which includes a tubing hanger.

10(Amended). A subsea completion as defined in claim 1, wherein the barrier package comprises one or more valves of equivalent function to a production wing valve, annulus wing valve, annulus valve or crossover valve.

11(Amended). A subsea completion as defined in claim 1, wherein the barrier package comprises a production choke.

12(Amended). A subsea completion as defined in claim 11, wherein the production choke is releasably connected to the barrier package.

13(Amended). A subsea completion as defined in claim 1, wherein the barrier package is supported on a well template.

14(Amended). A subsea completion as defined in claim 13, wherein the wellhead is rigidly connected to the template.

15(Amended). A subsea completion as defined in claim 13, wherein the subsea matable connector is integrated into the template.

16(Amended). A subsea completion as defined in claim 13, wherein the production fluid conduit is structurally integrated into the template.

17(Amended). A subsea completion as defined in claim 13, wherein the template supports more than one barrier package.

18(Amended). A subsea completion as defined in claim 13, wherein the template supports a separation module.

19(Amended). A subsea completion as defined in claim 1, wherein the barrier package is supported on a manifold.

20(Amended). A subsea drilling and production system comprising:
a framework;
a well housing; and
a barrier package removably located externally of the well housing and containing at least one production flow control valve;
wherein the barrier package is located on the framework and during construction of the framework the well housing is rigidly connected to form a part of the framework prior to installation of the system subsea.

21(Amended). A subsea drilling and production system comprising:
a plurality of well housings; and
a many-sided framework comprising structural members arranged to support well barrier packages and/or processing modules;
wherein the well housings are located in the corners of the framework and during construction of the framework are rigidly connected to the structural members so as to form a part of the framework prior to installation of the system subsea.

22(Amended). A subsea drilling and production system as defined in claim 21, wherein the structural members are arranged in a regular pattern.

23(Amended). A subsea drilling and production system as defined in claim 20, wherein the framework is arranged to form a polygon having three or more sides.

24(Amended). A subsea drilling and production system as defined in claim 20, wherein the framework includes a plurality of connecting locations for the barrier packages or modules, and all the modules/packages and connecting locations have a common connecting interface such that the modules/packages can be exchanged with each other and secured at any connecting location on the framework.

25(Amended). A subsea drilling and production system as defined in claim 20, wherein a fluid conducting pipe comprises a structural part of the framework.

Remarks

Entry of this amendment in the present application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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